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And let the salesman play the "Gambler" and any other High-Grade Piano (Steinway) excepted and see which one pleases you most. The Gamblers are sold at a moderate price, under a positive guarantee and on reasonable terms. Our spring stock has arrived.

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The arrival of new and elegant novelties in Frames, Pictures and Moldings, which they have put on sale at very low prices.

## TURKISH BATH,

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SEPARATE BATHS FOR LADIES.  
Patty depersonation of the bath is too frequently entirely neglected or not given the consideration and attention it demands. Many sudden deaths occur, especially among the corpulent, which are assigned to apoplexy. A judicious diet and a course of Turkish bath will overcome this trouble.

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Guaranteed to cure the most obstinate cases of Pimples, Blackheads, Freckles, Blemishes and Itchiness. Effect immediately apparent. 50c. per box, all druggists, or send stamp for sample to ALBION CO., Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Is easily cured and the bowels restored to a healthy condition by the use of



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DO NOT let the fly prey on you unprepared. We're measuring it now daily for Screens. Window Screens to order. \$1.00.

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Wanted: a case of health. I will not be cured. One gives relief. No matter what the matter, one will do you good. A cure may result if directed. They banish pain, induce sleep, promote life. Sold at all drug stores, ten for five cents. Be sure to get the genuine. Don't be fooled by substitutes. Ten samples and a thousand testimonials will be mailed to any address for five cents, forwarded to the National Chemical Co., 10 Spruce St., New York.

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## BUILD ITS OWN PLANT

VIEW OF MINORITY OF HOUSE NAVAL COMMITTEE.  
Disagrees With Majority Regarding Armor Plate and Ship Construction in Navy Yards.

Four members of the minority of the House naval affairs committee, Messrs. Wheeler of Kentucky, Rixey of Virginia, Kitchen of North Carolina and Vandiver of Missouri, united in a report opposing certain items of the naval appropriation bill. Their report dwells especially upon the failure of the majority to make provision for a future supply of armor plate at a reasonable cost. The report says that the majority has purchased 7,000 tons of armor for the battleships Maine, Ohio and Missouri, even though at an exorbitant price, because longer delay would injure the ships and also subject the government to suits by contractors. The report then criticizes the majority for refusing to attempt to solve the question of a future supply of armor plate, notwithstanding vessels already authorized will require 24,000 tons, adding:

"It seems to be pretty generally understood that the armor plate factories will not produce armor plate for the government at 100 cents per ton, but exactly where this information comes from we are unable to state, for there was no testimony before the committee on the subject, except from Admiral O'Neill, who did not, as we understand it, speak for the plate factories.

"The sum of \$45 per ton for armor is, in our judgment, beyond question exorbitant, if not outrageous. There is not a scintilla of proof from any fact showing that Krupp armor costs to manufacture. Harvitz armor has been recently (if it is not now) supplied to the government at \$400 per ton, and no man connected with either of the factories in this country has said to the committee or any of its members, as far as we know, that Krupp armor cannot be supplied as cheaply. When the committee is considering the armor plate question, the two armor plate factories were notified of the fact and asked if either could be heard on the question. A reply was had from each of the factories, and we will remark the replies were singularly similar, saying they had made a statement to the last Congress and stood by that statement, or words to that effect.

"We have been unable to find, after much investigation, where any one places the labor cost in a ton of armor plate above \$185.50. The decided weight of evidence puts it at \$165, and much evidence entitled to weight as low as \$156. The cost of the steel ingots and other material, \$20, which, together with the royalty and other charges, make up the total cost of producing a ton of armor plate. Of course, from the standpoint of the purchaser, and does not take into consideration the profit of the manufacturer. Estimating the labor at \$185.50 per ton would make the net cost per ton \$250.50, and estimating it at \$165, the net cost would be \$230.50 per ton. Now, we submit, if these figures are in the least reliable, \$245 per ton is an exorbitant price to charge for armor plate. In other words, \$15 or even \$25 per ton profit is excessive.

**Armor Plate Trust.**  
"In our judgment the potential reasons for the price of armor to the government is the existence of a trust or agreement between the armor plate factories of this country—we are almost persuaded we could safely go further and say armor plate factories of the world. There are but two armor plate factories in the United States and they now control the market for armor plate. The government is not so well there is no competition for orders or as to price. The government is at the mercy of these companies, and we believe the government should stop building armor plate ships or manufacture its own armor. We believe if the Secretary of the Navy was directed to buy armor for not exceeding \$400 per ton, and if he could not get it at that price to build a factory, the two companies would reduce the price to a reasonable sum rather than to allow the government to become their competitor. One thing is certain: Unless we build our own armor plate mill we never shall have armor plate at a reasonable price. The greatest estimate for the cost of constructing an armor plate factory complete in every detail is \$4,000,000. We believe the government could save enough by building its own mill, or that it will be needed for ships authorized, to construct its factory and have some \$2,000,000 left over.

"For the sake of argument, however, we will admit a factory will cost \$1,000,000, and yet we believe the government can save enough on armor now needed or that will be needed for ships authorized, to construct its factory, make its armor, and have \$2,000,000 left over. We need some 31,000 tons of armor, and if it can be produced for \$250 per ton it means a saving from the price we are now required to pay of \$15 per ton on something like 31,000 tons, which would be well \$4,650,000.

**Construction in Navy Yards.**  
The minority report next dissents from the recommendation of the committee to authorize construction of part of the vessels provided for in government yards, notwithstanding four naval constructors and the chief of the bureau of construction advised it. The following statement of Constructor Bowles of the New York yard is quoted:

"I recommend the building of some vessels in the important navy yards of the United States, because I believe it to be the best business and if I owned those yards and kept them for the purpose they are now kept for, I should say that it would be a sensible thing to do to build one ship in each of the important yards all the time, simply to keep them in order and maintain a sufficient force ready for all emergencies."

The minority then says that while in the report they will not specify the items of extravagance in the bill they call attention to the "fact that this bill is \$10,000,000 in excess of the appropriation, and that \$20,000,000 in excess, or practically double that of any bill ever reported in time of peace, indicates a growing disposition to forget how the money is to be raised from the people, and a tendency of the American Congress to extravagance."

**Army Orders.**  
First Lieutenant E. R. Heilberg has been assigned to the 2d Cavalry, and First Lieutenant Thomas G. Ashburn to the 6th Artillery. These officers were recently appointed.

First Sergeant Jeremiah Murphy, Troop C, 3d Cavalry, at Fort Meyer, Va., has been placed on the retired list.

Acting Assistant Surgeon T. W. Jackson at Pinar del Rio, Cuba, has been ordered to New York City.

First Lieutenant B. J. Edgar, Jr., assistant surgeon in the Military Academy, and ordered to San Francisco.

First Lieutenant N. E. Lock, Porto Rican regiment, has been ordered to temporary duty at Blackwell's Island, N. Y.

First Lieutenant Calvin DeWitt has been relieved from further duty as chief surgeon of the Division of Cuba, and ordered to San Francisco.

Major William C. Grogan has been relieved from duty as chief surgeon, Department of Havana, and assigned to duty as chief surgeon of the Department of Santiago and Puerto Principe, relieving Major Valery Hays.

Major W. S. H. Matthews, surgeon, U. S. V., now on temporary duty at San Francisco, has been relieved from further duty at the Philippines and assigned to duty at St. Paul, Minn.

Lieut. Col. John Simpson of the quarter-master's department has been relieved from duty at Atlanta, Ga., and ordered to Fort Sam Houston for duty as chief quartermaster of the department of Texas, relieving Maj. Charles B. Thompson, who will return to duty at San Antonio, however, until further orders.

Capt. Ralph Ingalls of the substance department, now at San Francisco, has been ordered to Manila for assignment to duty.

Chaplain O. J. Nave has been granted three months' sick leave.

Maj. W. H. L. Matthews, Jr., and John O. Steger, Porto Rican regiment, have been ordered to New York for further orders.

First Lieut. Walter A. Bethel, 3d Artillery, has been transferred to the 1st Artillery, and assigned to duty at the department of Alaska.

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## 9 to 10.

300 pairs ladies' muslin drawers; made of a good quality muslin, finished with deep hem and tucks; instead of 19c. 93c.

Water-proof felt window shades, in all colors; complete with fixtures; and enabling one to overcome habitual constipation permanently. Its perfect freedom from every objectionable quality and substance, and its acting on the kidneys, liver and bowels, without weakening or irritating them, make it the ideal laxative.

Japanese matting mats, in handsome colorings and patterns; 18 by 36 inches in size; this hour, 17c.

300 boys' plaided necktie waists, such as sell for 19c. and 25c.; to go this hour, 9c.

Little fellows' galatea cloth washable for suits, in natty stripes; the 4c. kind, for this hour, 19c.

1,000 yards of Toroson, Point de Esprit and Oriental laws and linings; 1 to 4 inches wide; in as many as 60 different patterns; for this hour, 4 1/2c.

Children's fine ribbed hose; fast black; regular size; those except that they are "seconds" but for 10c. of us we cannot see why they are called "seconds" for we can find no faults; they go for 9c.

Thousands of yards of handsome plaid taffeta ribbons; complete all silk; and there are some plain colors in the lot; narrow width; for this hour, 1c.

Short lengths of white cambric; yard wide and soft; in the equal to "Lonsdale" brand; instead of 12 1/2c. 6 1/2c.

We shall sell thousands of different musical compositions, some of which originally sold up to 75c. and many which are still selling in music stores for 3 1/2c.

Lot of children's untrimmed hats in all colors, of the most desirable materials, including straw, velvet and felt; for this hour, 59c.

Infants' black and tan button shoes, in sizes 1 to 5; instead of 15c. pair, 18c.

Ladies' button and lace shoes, with patent tips; the same values which sell at \$1.25, for this hour, 79c.

Lot of men's merized silk half hose, the kind which sell at 25c. pair, for this hour, 9c.

During this hour we shall sell ladies' new regular waists, in all sizes, in a variety of patterns; both light and dark effects; full width skirts; separate waists; and estimating it at \$1.25, for this hour, 49c.

10 to 11.  
Sprays of lilies, lilies, forget-me-nots, daisies, and other flowers, in all colors; instead of 12c. 12 1/2c.

Men's fancy border and plain white handkerchiefs; which every men's store sells at 12 1/2c.; for this hour, 9c.

Men's black, white and fancy suspenders, such as all stores sell at 25c.; for this hour, 9c.

Children's dongola button and lace shoes, in sizes 8 1/2 to 11; made with starch soles; usually 85c.; for this hour, 65c.

Ladies' dongola strap slippers; all hand-made; sizes 5 to 8; usually \$1.25, for this hour, 65c.

All-silk heavy fur-trimmed in navy blue and white; with white and high fur-trimmed; the quality which sell at \$4.95; for this hour, 49c.

For this hour we shall let you take your choice of white patterns; in all sizes and evening shades; extra light hosiery; in all the new shades; for this hour, 39c.

Five pieces of all-wool ladies' sitting or spring dresses, the 35c. value; for this hour, 19c.

Yard-wide henriettes, in new spring shades, including old rose, violet, etc.; in all sizes; for this hour, 24c.

Ladies' fast-black full seamless hose, in all sizes; instead of 12 1/2c. 6 1/2c.

Ladies' taffeta gloves, in all colors, in all sizes; in black and white also; for this hour, 25c.

2,500 yards of Hamburg inserting and edgings, in the handsomest patterns; for this hour, 3c.

Ladies' leather belts of patent or morocco leather, with satin or silk linings; for this hour, 23c.

Satin stock collars, the new pointed shapes, pleated, in pink, blue, cream, etc.; for this hour, 15c.

500 pairs of boys' good, strong, well-made knee pants, which will stand hard wear—the regular 10c. pants; for this hour, 9c.

Ladies' regular house-suit skirts, with the latest styles in black and white also; percale—instead of \$3, for this hour, \$1.79.

White applique bureau scarfs and pillow shams, in the handsomest of patterns; for this hour, 15 1/2c.

Full double-bed size bedspreads, in handsome Marcelline patterns; for this hour, 49c.

Extra heavy stair or runner cloth, in all the new colorings and patterns; instead of 10c. yard, for this hour, 6 1/2c.

Gingham dresses for little children from 2 to 4 years, the prettiest of check and stripe patterns; for this hour, 25c.

Infants' white lawn caps, with lace and ribbon; for this hour, 15c.

Ladies' lustre merized saten under-skirts, made with accordion-pleated flounces; 13 inches wide—the same as now sell for \$1.50; to go for 98c.

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## 11 to 12.

Best quality 5-quarter table cloth, in the best patterns and colorings; 54 inches wide; for this hour, 12 1/2c.

Extra heavy fur-trimmed, in the newest colorings and patterns; 54 inches wide; and 8-quarter widths; instead of 23c. 35c. square yard, for this hour, 19c.

Best quality Holland window shades, in all colors, complete with fixtures, for this hour, 19c.

Lot of ladies' black and blue cheviot serge suits, with the newest black backs; made with splendid quality percale; \$2.49 values for this hour, \$2.49.

Lot of ladies' suits, in two styles—front and double-breasted, consisting of black and blue cheviot serge and brown serge; exceedingly stylish and becoming; really worth \$10; for this hour, \$4.98.

Ladies' taffeta silk waists, of one of the very best of taffetas, with tucked, corded and hemstitched fronts; the very newest waists at every point; all sizes and every color, especially those shades which are in vogue; for this hour, \$4.98.

Lot of boys' percale blouse waists and indigo blue shirt waists, such as sell for 40c. each, for this hour, 29c.

Boys' all-wool knee pants—the very best made pants possible to buy—the kind which sell at \$1.50; for this hour, 39c.

Another lot of those taffeta and satin ribbons, in widths of from 2 to 5 inches; worth from 12 1/2c. to 25c. yard, for this hour, 7c.

All-over lace for yokes, waists and necks; handsome Rembrandt pattern; and terms; instead of 60c. for this hour, 39c.

Ladies' and misses' Swiss ribbon pants and vests—not a large lot, but all worth 8c. to go for this hour, 8c.

Satin-striped chaises in the most exquisite patterns, the same which 29c. sell at 40c. yard, for this hour, 29c.

New Wash Foulards, 32 inches wide, in light and dark grounds, extra high, lustreous finish; instead of 20c. yard, 29c.

Black figured gros grain silk that is exceedingly desirable for skirts and dresses; 21 inches wide and in the richest of patterns; instead of 75c. yard, for this hour, 59c.

Ladies' tan velvet kid lace shoes, with cloth tops; in sizes 2 1/2 to 6; instead of \$2.50, for this hour, \$1.39.

Men's soft and stiff-bosom shirts of new patterns in percale; in all sizes from 14 to 17; such as sell at 50c.; for this hour, 41c.

Ladies', misses' and children's untrimmed hats, in most stylish shades and colors, in felt, macramé, neoprene and plain felt; for this hour, 59c.

Men's black, white and fancy suspenders, such as all stores sell at 25c.; for this hour, 9c.

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White applique bureau scarfs and pillow shams, in the handsomest of patterns; for this hour, 15 1/2c.

Full double-bed size bedspreads, in handsome Marcelline patterns; for this hour, 49c.

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## Mill remnants 39c. & 49c. cashmeres and henriettes, 15c.

Another shipment of those mill remnants of cashmeres and henriettes which we contracted to take from a well-known mill and which created such a sensation some time ago. These will be sold the entire day tomorrow—about 3,000 yards—in the clover, green, blue, light blue, gray, brown, black, etc.—for children's dresses, house dresses, skirts and waists—the identical quality which sells at 39c. and 49c. a yard from the piece—15c. a yard.

## 2 to 3.

Lot of boys' fine galatea cloth, washable sailor blouse suits, trimmed with braid and worth 98c. and more; for this hour, 29c.

Lot of boys' old coats, in sizes 10 to 19; suits which sold for as high as 59c. for this hour, 29c.

Pretty Valenciennes collings, this 12c. hour, per dozen yards, 12c.

Last lot we shall have of those mended gloves which created such a sensation a few days ago. In all colors and black and white, gloves which sell regularly for \$1.50, because they rippled and were then tried \$1.00, on and were mended, to go for 59c.

Handsomely jeweled hat pins, brooches, sterling silver thimbles, pretty shell side combs, stick pins, silver hearts—all 9c. to go for this hour, 9c.

2,000 yards of silena, mill remnants, of extra fine quality, in gray and black—instead of 15c. and 19c. 5 1/2c. a yard, for this hour, 5 1/2c.

Genuine shrink dock, in gray, black and white—instead of 15c. a yard, for this hour, 9 1/2c.

Small lot of corded taffeta silks, for dress trimming, in such shades as light blue, red, gray, lavender, cerise and black; for this hour, \$1.50 everywhere, for 98c.

Yard-wide navy, black and garnet brilliancy, in such shades as light blue, red, gray, lavender, cerise and black; for this hour, \$1.50 everywhere, for 25c.

Woodworth's toilet waters, put up in fancy bottles, for this hour, 9c.

Ladies' tan bicycle shoes which formerly sold at \$3.50 to go this hour, for this hour, \$1.49.

Men's silk tees, puffs, imperials, four-inches and bows, in elegant patterns; for this hour, 10c.

Ladies' and misses' walking and outing shoes of unadorned, rough, fancy and plain styles, in all colors—instead of 98c. 79c. to go for this hour, 79c.

Boys' all-wool golf caps, silk lined, in all colors and patterns; instead of 17c. of 25c., for this hour, 17c.

## 3 to 4.

Men's tan and black kid lace shoes, the same grades as are sold by every shoe dealer at \$2.50, here at, for this hour, \$1.49.

Genuine white and cream wash silks, all silk and just the silk for confirmation dresses, etc.; instead of 30c. 33c. a yard, for this hour, 33c.

Extra heavy quality white percale, in short lengths, all the desirable lengths, the sort which sell for \$1.25, for this hour, 97c.

Boys' fine quality Merino percale shirt waists, with pleats back and front; for this hour, 12 1/2c.

Lot of ladies' black taffeta silk waists, quality guaranteed, for this hour, 39c.

Choice of a large lot of ladies' suits, consisting of house-suits, Venetian broadcloths, cheviot serge, etc., in light-fitting and reefer effects, plain and appliqued, with newest pleated-back, for this hour, \$12.50.

White applique bureau scarfs and pillow shams, in the handsomest of patterns; for this hour, 15 1/2c.

Japanese matting mats, for this hour, 17c.

White muslin shirts, with deep ruffles of lace and embroidery and rows of inserting, for this hour, 98c.

Children's crocheted scarves, in pink and white, blue and white or plain white—instead of 50c., for this hour, 29c.

Infants' knitted booties, in all colors (infants' top), third floor, for this hour, 9c.

Infants' heavy stitched boots, for this hour, 9c.

Girls' and boys' Tam o' Shaners, of cloth, serge and velvet, some with silk embroidery; some with silk bands and bows; instead of 75c. and \$1, for this hour, 39c.

During this hour we shall sell ladies' trimmed hats, such as others will show you for \$7.00, for \$4.75; and trimmed hats, such as you see elsewhere at \$5.00, for \$4.75, for this hour, \$2.78.

During this hour the very greatest wrapper values ever offered will be put before you. Wrappers of lawn and batiste and light and dark percales—with bows and some with white embroidery yokes—the fullest quality of choice and the best—will be offered because they are "see 69c. on" at \$1.25 up to \$2.50.

Two New Commanders Chosen.  
Commander F. M. Wise has been detached from command of the Enterprise and ordered to the Asiatic station per steamer of May 3, to take command of the Monocacy, relieving Commander G. A. Bicknell, who is ordered to the Mare Island navy yard. Lieutenant Commander E. M. Hughes has been detached from duty as chief quartermaster of the Enterprise and ordered to command the Enterprise.

Movements of Warships.  
The Brooklyn has arrived at Yokohama. The Monocacy has sailed out from Shanghai for target practice. The Dixie is at Naples. The North Atlantic squadron is due at Hampton Roads April 21. The Newark and Monocacy